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Youth Director At Hinckley Ridge



Mr. Glenn Bullis

The Hinckley Ridge Baptist Church has had the help this past year of Brother Glenn Bullis as their Youth Director. He started his work there the early part of 1976 on a part time basis. Toward the end of the summer, the congregation decided to hire him to do the job more completely. Brother Bullis has a wife, Marilyn, and three children. They are Glenn, Jr., Dottie and John. They have made their home in Willoughby Hills, Ohio for some years but are now moving to the Hinckley area. Youth Director Bullis is a student at the Massillon Baptist College. The Lord has been using him in this ministry among the youth at the church and the congregation is most thankful to the Lord for his labors among them.

Oxford Work Moving Ahead

The Faith Baptist Church, Oxford, Ohio is making progress. From a humble beginning of just a few families, that have increased to 32 members. Just recently, Pastor John F. Morrow had the joy of baptizing three believers. Also, through recent evangelistic effort they were able to make further contacts resulting in their having six new visitors at their services.

A blessed time was had at their first anniversary Bible Conference which was held November 7 - 10. Brother Larry Fetzner, pastor of the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, was used of God to bring blessing through special studies in First Thessalonians.

The church recently voted to become a part of our OARBC and GARBC fellowships. Their decision will be acted upon at our State (OARBC) and National (GARBC) meetings in '77.

A need has arisen for this church. They must find a new meeting place. Their present building (a "lodge" building) is being sold and they are forced to evacuate. Pray with them that a new location will soon be realized.

Prayer For The Nation

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage, we beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in days of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-- Thomas Jefferson

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof". (Lev. 25:10 - on Liberty Bell).

Umbaughs To Host Holy Land Tour



Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh and his wife, will be conducting a tour of the Holy Land which will cover a period of eleven days - February 21 through March 3.

The tour sounds exciting! It includes being in Jordan (one day at Petra), in Sinai (South to Eilat on the Gulf of Aquaba - the general area of the Wilderness Wanderings), and all the major Biblical sites in Israel. These would include Bethlehem, Bethany, Jerusalem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Cana, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Megiddo, Caesarea by the Mediterranean, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and others.

The total cost is \$999.00. This includes air fare from New York City and back to New York City. It covers hotels, three meals a day, ground travel overseas, English speaking guides, entrance fees to places visited and the like.

Interested parties should write Rev. Earl D. Umbaugh, Tour Host, 2150 Marhofer Ave., Stow, Ohio - 44224. Phone: (216) 688-3241. Brother Umbaugh would be happy to send a beautiful brochure of the tour on request.

Continue In Prayer For Pastor Hugh Hall

On November 16, Dr. Hugh Hall, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, entered a Columbus hospital for heart surgery. The surgeon found more blockage than had been expected and had to put in more extended by-passes than had been anticipated. One of the by-passes was very successful. They are not certain just how well the two longer by-passes will graft in and function.

In the days following the operation, Brother Hall seemed to be making good progress, however, he has had problems with his eating and as a result has weakened physically. He has, as of this writing (Dec. 10), been placed in a hospital in Bellefontaine for observation and to be built up physically.

He will return to the hospital in Columbus, where the operation was performed, on January 12 for a thorough check up. The prayers of God's children are encouraged that the Lord might undertake to make this surgery a complete success and that our brother will be able to return to his duties as a pastor/preacher once again.

Pray, too, for the Calvary Baptist Church in Bellefontaine. While their pastor is incapacitated, Dr. Cleveland McDonald of Cedarville, Ohio is filling the pulpit and helping with the pastoral duties. Also, be sure to pray for Mrs. Hugh (Helen) Hall during these days. Why not drop "the Halls" a card letting them know of your interest, love and prayers.

NOTICE

Assign someone in your church to be responsible in seeing that a copy of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST is placed in the hands of your people each month. Place the paper in the hands of your people as they leave the church on the Sunday morning following your having received your bundle lot. If you need additional copies, they will be sent on request. Write - Don Moffat/Editor, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385.

Dr. R. T. Ketcham In Chicago Hospital



Dr. R. T. Ketcham

On December 16, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham suffered a severe stroke. It has greatly impaired his speech. His mind, however, is alert and he is able, though bed-ridden, to move both his arms and his legs. He is presently in the Swedish Covenant Hospital, Corner California and Foster, Chicago, Illinois - 60625. It would be nice to drop him a card and assure him of your love and prayers.

Do pray for him, for Mrs. Ketcham and for the family at this time. According to his doctor, should he continue to recover, he might be able to return home to their apartment in Chicago in four or five weeks.

Called 'Home'

In the October issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we informed our readers that Dr. William C. McKeever had resigned his pastorate -- The Central Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio.

In that article we quoted him as saying -- "I have reached the time when I feel I want to be relieved from the responsibility of the church."

Here, only a few months later, on December 13, the Lord graciously called our Brother "Home". It seemed as though he knew his work was finished -- so the Lord called him to rest from his labors and to be rewarded for his faithful service.

Brother McKeever pastored churches in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio. His Ohio pastorates were in Bowling Green, Byesville and Columbus. He was especially effective in his work of teaching Junior boys and girls. Through this ministry he led many to Christ. He had a host of friends that were first drawn to him during their junior years. He was vitally interested in our O.A.R.B.C. Camps.

The funeral service was held in Columbus on December 16. Let us be in prayer for Mrs. McKeever and their family.

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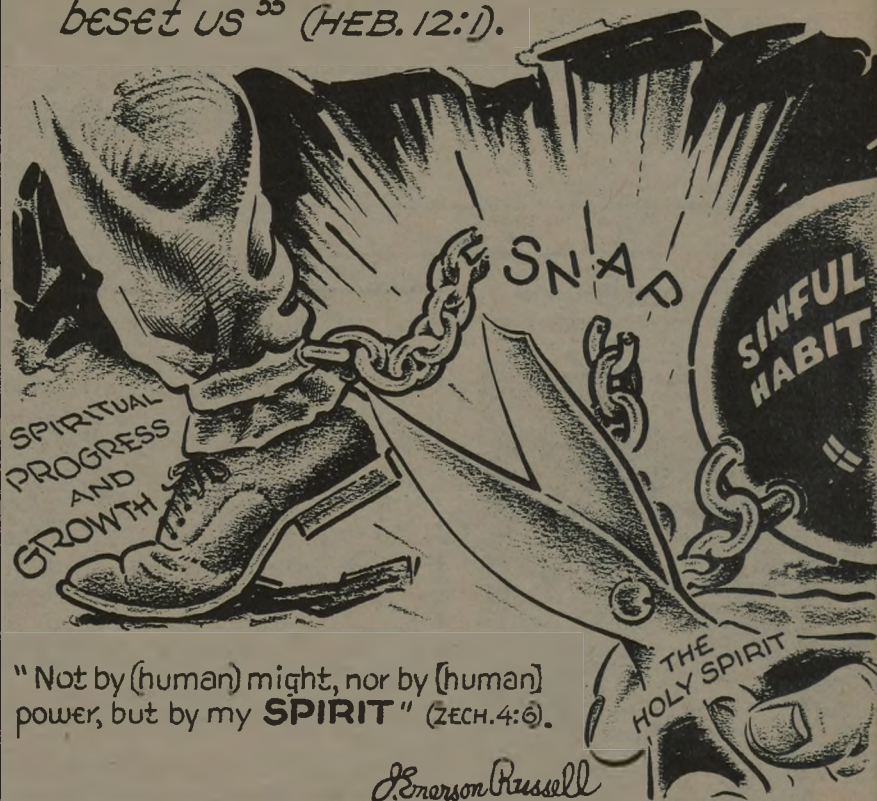
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MASTER OF THE BALL AND CHAIN!

*"Let us lay aside every **WEIGHT**,
and the **SIN** which doth so easily
beset us" (HEB. 12:1).*



"Not by (human) might, nor by (human)
power, but by my **SPIRIT**" (ZECH. 4:6).

J. Emerson Russell

The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist-preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

3rd Annual Institute Balanced Church Ministries

For the past few months we have been running ads announcing the 3rd Annual Balanced Church Ministries which will be held January 22 through 28 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo, Ohio.

Here is your opportunity to gain practical training for developing a growing evangelistic church with a balanced ministry. Classes will be taught by the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Dr. Don Sewell; the Assistant to the pastor, Rev. Bruce Snyder; the Minister of Music, Mr. Don Krueger; the Minister of Youth, Mr. Dave Carder; and the Minister of Visitation, Mr. Pete Mothershead. All of these men are well experienced to teach in their respective fields. Those who have taken part in the two previous Institutes of Balanced Church Ministries testify as to the valuable and most practical instruction they received.

The following subjects will be presented: Developing the Church Budget, Pastoral Leadership, Building a Sunday School, Youth Ministries That Produce, Philosophy of Church Music, Total Visitation Program, Balanced Bus Ministry, Christian Day Schools, Building a Choir, Pastoral Theology, First Hand on the Job Training, Principles of the Youth Ministry and Pastoring the Small Church.

Pastors would be wise in attending these classes. They should encourage their people to attend also. The information gained here will greatly enhance your church program! If you plan on attending write: Dr. Don Sewell, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 Laskey Road, Toledo, Ohio - 43623 or phone: (419) 474-5471.



Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

Fanny Crosby's Greatest Hymn Was Among Her First

Dr. Valentine Mott led the little girl and her widowed mother to the door. The famous New York surgeon had made a thorough examination of the child's eyes but there was nothing he could do. When Fanny Crosby was 6 weeks old she had caught cold and a country doctor prescribed a mustard poultice for her inflamed eyes. Now she was 5 years old and totally blind. Her father had died and neighbors in Putnam County, New York, made up money to send her to the specialist. As Dr. Mott turned back into his office, Fanny Crosby heard him say "Poor little blind girl." What the sympathetic doctor didn't know was that the little blind girl was to turn her handicap into an asset. Just three years later she wrote her first verse: "Oh, What a Happy Child I am. Although I cannot see! I am resolved that in this world. . . Contented I will be!"

Two decades later the superintendent of New York's Institute for the Blind walked into the office to find his male secretary taking down verse while one of the blind instructors dictated. He warned both against further waste of the school's time. But

neither thought they were wasting time and in less than two more decades Fanny Crosby's popular verse had made her famous. Among many others her "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower" and "There's Music in the Air" were set to music by noted Composer George F. Root and sold in sheet music by the thousands.

Fanny Crosby looked on her blindness as a blessing. Undisturbed by things about her, she said, she could more easily write her poetry. She was 44 years old when she set aside work on secular songs and turned her prolific pen to the writing of hymns. William Cowper must have been right when he said "God Moves in a mysterious way" because Fanny Crosby wrote more hymns than any other writer in history—over 8,000.

Nor did the one-time school secretary quit taking her verse. Grover Cleveland set aside affairs of state many times to take dictation from his ever welcome guest to the White House. But, as is the case with many writers, Fanny Crosby's best hymns were among her first. She was in the middle of her long life when in 1868 she wrote what singer Ira D. Sankey regarded as her masterpiece.

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.
Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.
Thou the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in Heaven but Thee?

EXPANDING JEWISH MINISTRIES!

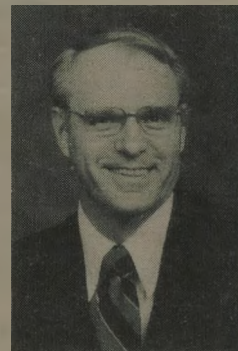
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OARBC State Youth Rally



Mel Johnson

Hey young folk - be sure to mark your calendar for May 14th - 1977. This is the date of our STATE YOUTH RALLY and this year an excellent program has been planned.



"Sketch" Erickson

Guest speakers will include Mel Johnson, well known Radio Youth speaker of "Tips for Teens". Young folk everywhere appreciate his ministry. Then, too, we will be having "Sketch" Erickson. He hails from Wheaton, Illinois and has travelled far and wide speaking to young people just about everywhere. Added to these is Brother Jim Huckaby, Director of Athletics at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pa. Brother Huckaby will be bringing one of the college's singing groups with him. This should make for a great day! The RALLY will be held at Memorial Hall Auditorium in Columbus running from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration costs \$2.50. At the door - \$3.00. All registrations should be sent to Jim Ellick, 3475 Paris Blvd., Westerville, Ohio - 43081. PLAN ON ATTENDING! REMEMBER THE DATE - MAY 14, 1977.

Youth Committee

The members of our OARBC Ohio State Youth Committee are as follows: Rev. Larry D. Engle, Grace Baptist Church, Toledo - Chairman; Rev. Jim Neeley, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton - Secretary and Chairman of Talents for Christ; Rev. Jim Ellick, Westerville - Treasurer and Rev. Dave Truitt, Millersburg Baptist Church, Millersburg - Publicity and Promotion Chairman.

SKYVIEW RANCH WINTER RETREATS

TEENS	SPEAKER	JUNIORS	SPEAKER
January 7-8	Harold Green	February 4-5	David Taylor
January 28-29	"Uncle Jack" Willetts	March 18-19	Jim Jeremiah
March 4-5	Richard Durham		
March 11-12	Loren Schenck		

Cost: \$12.00 \$1 per horse ride
Time: Registration on Friday 4-7 P.M. Supper at 7 P.M.
Closes on Saturday at 4 P.M.

Registration: Send \$5 to Skyview Ranch Rt. 4 Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Please be certain to indicate the weekend you wish to come.

A Teenager Writes On 'Growing Up'

Dear God:

It's me again. I say that like I do it so often when in reality I don't do it enough. I don't come to you with my problems. I try and carry them all myself, when I know I can't last long that way. So here I am, bringing a problem to you.

God, it's so hard growing up! Sometimes I get so that I feel like I wish I was grown up and all through with it. I don't understand so many things and yet I want to do so much on my own. It hurts when older people tell you one thing and then turn around and do what they told you not to do. Or when they will never admit they're wrong. Why won't they do that? Why are they always so sure they are right and we are wrong all the time?

There are so many things I wish I could do and learn and I can't because I'm growing up.

Why am I so moody, God? Sometimes I get so depressed and then other times I can be so happy and giggle and laugh over nothing. I

guess it's just "part of growing up" as adults say.

God, I pray that you would help me, please be my cane, helping me to grow up. I can't do it alone. I can see why so many kids find it hard to hack life and growing up and turn to drugs, sex, rock music, and suicide. But I know none of those are the answer. You are. You can help anyone who opens their heart to you.

God, you are my best friend. You are always there when I need you. (Even tho I don't always go!) God, it's funny, there are things that I wouldn't talk about with my earthly best friend, but I do with you.

God, when everyone else deserts me or doesn't understand how much I hurt thank you for being there. I know you hurt right with me, so you know how I feel and how to comfort me.

God, help me not to get caught up with thinking that I am grown up and can go it on my own, like so many my age do. Then after a while they decide that maybe they weren't ready. Help me to depend on you and please help me to grow to be a mature person, able to cope with the world and its problems.

Thanks for your help. I'll be seein' ya soon.

Bye!

Sharon Lahaie

Joins CBF Staff To Work In Iowa



Miss Lillian Burkhart

Miss Lillian Burkhart, a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio has recently left Ohio to join the Campus Bible Fellowship staff (Baptist Mid-Missions) in Ankeny, Iowa.

Miss Burkhart had planned originally to serve the Lord in the Central African Republic, however, she was unable to do this because of health reasons. The Lord has burdened her heart to work among college students in this land.

Our sister would appreciate the prayers of God's children everywhere as she still stands in need for additional support. Also, money is needed to purchase a car which is a necessity in this type ministry. She will be serving her apprenticeship under Rev. and Mrs. Larry Abbott. Her new address is Miss Lillian Burkhart, Apartment 6, 209 N.W. College, Ankeny, Iowa - 50021. Phone: (515) 964-7058.

When you need . . .

PULPIT SUPPLY - EVANGELIST contact -

Rev. Billy J. Absalom
413 Margaret Street
Akron, Ohio - 44306

Phone: (216) 253-7688

Reference furnished

FREE OUR LAND

Joshua 1:11 "... to possess the land . . ."

Skyview Ranch launches into 1977 with a plan to set the 175 acres of the Ranch free of debt. It is a program in which every one can have a part.

The indebtedness now stands right at \$118,000.00. The interest runs about \$10,000.00 a year. Will you help to rid our land of this weight of debt?

Here's the plan:

Buy 1 acre for	\$750.00
Buy 1/2 acre for	375.00
Buy 1/4 acre for	187.50
Buy 1/10 acre for	75.00
Buy 1/25 acre for	30.00
Buy 1/50 acre for	15.00
Buy 1/100 acre for	7.50

How you can help!

We have 204 OARBC churches in our State Fellowship with an estimated average of 30 families per church. If each of these family units would give \$7.50 (1/100 acre of the debt) at two (2) of the special Freedom Offering Days, a total gift of \$15.00 for the year, Skyview Ranch would be out of debt and able to winterize and update all our facilities.

Our Special Freedom Days are:

- 1) Sunday, Feb. 13 - in memory of Lincoln's birthday.
- 2) Sunday, July 3 - celebrating the 201st birthday of this free republic.
- 3) Sunday, Oct. 23 - remembering our war veterans who paid a dear price to preserve our freedom.

Your part in the plan:

Some who read this will be able to buy one acre of the indebtedness at \$750.00. Others, perhaps, can buy up 1/2 or 1/4 of an acre. But almost everyone of us can find \$7.50 to buy 1/100 of an acre on 2 occasions in this year.

In retrospect

Our appreciation to those who gave birth to and promoted the Fair Share and Debt Free Camps program. It was a great start and moved us in the right direction. Now let us carry on this work to its full completion, banding together in a great effort to free Skyview of debt.

In reporting

The OIB will carry the results of the Free Our Land program.

At the Ranch in the Lodge a large wall display will show the progress as the debt is lifted month after month. It will also carry the names of all who participate by giving at least \$7.50 to buy 1/100 of an acre.

Your pastor has received envelopes and information regarding this program. Your help is necessary in the successful completion of this project. Thank you for freeing our land of debt.

William F. Russell
Skyview Ranch Administrator

Christian Institute Of Technology

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many of the messengers to the Fall Conference of the G.A.R.B.C. meeting in Cincinnati were delighted to see a new educational ministry being established in Ohio - The Christian Institute of Technology of Dayton

The O.I.B. presents this interview with the dean of this new post-secondary vocational technical school to keep you informed about the exciting opportunities God is making available to us.

Dean Robert Burkett was formerly with Cedarville College as Dean of Men from 1973 to 1975.

DEAN BURKETT, WHAT IS THE UNUSUAL MINISTRY OF THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY?

Many believers are praising God with us for the unique opportunity of obtaining a vocational-technical skill within a Christian setting. The Christian Institute of Technology is attempting to meet a long-felt need in Christian higher education; that of vocational skill building.

Not all Christians have the gifts to preach, sing, or teach and yet, they could become very effective witnesses for Christ Jesus if they could receive Bible training along with their skill or trade instruction.

This is the burden of the Christian Institute of Technology. It is a school with a strong missionary technology emphasis with the opportunity for "on-the-job" type of meaningful training.

WHERE IS THE COLLEGE LOCATED?

At 325 Homewood Avenue in Dayton, Ohio in the former Roman Catholic convent.

WHO IS THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION?

The Christian Institute of Technology is the post-secondary division of Dayton Christian Schools, Inc., Ohio's largest fundamental Christian school system.

WHO ARE D.C.S.'s LEADERS; AND WHERE DO THEY ATTEND CHURCH? COLLEGE?

The Superintendent of DCS, Bud Schindler; the High School Principal for Academic Affairs, Charles Wilkins; and I attend Washington Heights Baptist Church (GARBC). Dr. Merlin Ager, formerly of Cedarville College is the Elementary South Principal; he attends Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville. Gus Dallas is the High School Principal for Student Affairs; he attends First Brethren Church of Dayton. Two of the administrators graduated from Cedarville College, one from Bob Jones University and two from state colleges.

IN WHAT WAY IS THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BIBLE COLLEGES?

CIT ministers to those Christians who are (1) seeking a vocational-technical education with a strong missionary emphasis; (2) unsure of God's will for their lives and are interested in personal, career, and spiritual orientation; and (3) desirous of experiencing the challenges of higher education at an introductory (junior college) level where costs are minimal who plan to possibly later transfer to a four year college or seminary.

HOW DO ITS COSTS COMPARE?

The Christian Institute of Technology is a very economical way to perfect one's skills for the Lord. It operates on a quarter system (Sept. - Dec.; Dec. - Mar.; Mar. - June). Credit hour costs are just \$20.00. Dormitory rooms are also available.

WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF STUDY AT THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY?

There are four technology areas of study; each with areas of concentration. They are: TECHNOLOGY OF APPLIED CHRISTIANITY - Christian Education, Pastoral Studies; TECHNOLOGY OF BUSINESS PRACTICES - Secretarial Services, Office Administration, Accounting, Business Management; TECHNOLOGY OF MISSIONARY STUDIES - Mission Office Administration, Mission Medical Technology, Mission Skilled Trades.

WHAT ARE THE TECHNICAL AREAS COVERED IN THE MISSION SKILLED TRADES MAJOR?

God has called every Born-Again Believer to carry His message throughout the world, no matter what occupational pursuit the Lord prepares him for. Therefore, we at CIT encourage God's children to fully develop their gifts in all areas - including technical skills. Whether one is building churches in Brazil or homes in Baltimore, God can use him to reach the lost for Him.

The following areas are taught in conjunction with nearby Sinclair Community College: architecture, automotive, construction, drafting, data processing, early childhood, electronics, fire science, food service, journalism, law enforcement, mental health, radio communications, radiology, respiratory therapy, and social work.

Students pursuing these trades would, then, attend both colleges while the Christian Institute of Technology is in its formative stages.

AT PRESENT, WHAT IS TAUGHT AT THE CIT CAMPUS?

Currently, the Christian Institute of Technology teaches Bible, general education, and mission courses.

CIT is currently exploring the addition of a Missionary Radio Technology program for both broadcasting and two-way radio communications.

ARE CIT'S OWN INSTRUCTORS QUALIFIED?

Assuredly so. Most of the men hold advanced degrees from such seminaries as Grace and Dallas.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY?

Additional literature and informative brochures may be obtained by writing: Dean Robert Burkett, The Christian Institute of Technology, 325 Homewood Ave., Dayton, Ohio, 45405; or by calling (513) 278-9645, ext. 10.

Speakers are also available to come to your church, youth group, or rally and further explain the exciting ministry of CIT.

Campus visits are also encouraged. Arrangements should be made in advance to permit proper planning.

We Remind You

In last month's issue of the O.I.B. we announced the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary annual Bible Conference. It will be held February 21 through February 25.

The Conference messages are always refreshing, the fellowship is blessed, the clinic sessions are instructive and challenging and the music is superb.

Mainline speakers this year include Dr. Lehman Strauss, Dr. Fred Brown, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Dr. Wilbert Welch, Alumnus Dave Egner and faculty members Dr. John Wilson and Dr. Warren Faber.



A veteran missionary to Africa once wrote, "I would rather die on the way than to go back on my promise to obey."

This is true of any commitment that we make to the Lord. God demands faithfulness in whatever we do for Him. Whether one is a missionary preaching the Gospel to a group of Indians in Brazil or a pastor serving here at home or a young person in school or a housewife carrying out her tasks at home, God expects us to be faithful.

The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism turns our attention this month to Bangladesh. The principle of missions is to train the nationals to reach their own people. There are some places foreign missionaries cannot go in Bangladesh! Yes, travel can be dangerous to life and limb in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The government recognizes this and has informed the missionaries that this area is "off limits" to foreigners. But the tribespeople still need to hear the Gospel! Over the years, the missionaries in Bangladesh have recognized that tribesmen must of necessity reach their own kinsmen.

God has raised up several men from different tribes who come to the missionaries to be trained. Bible stories, doctrine and simple truths from God's Word are presented to these preacher boys and evangelists from time to time. Immediately the men take these truths and travel from village to village to give to the tribespeople the lessons they themselves have so recently learned. Then when their knowledge is exhausted, they come again to the missionary to be "refueled" so that they can help their own people learn of the Savior. This provides a continuing education - a constant pilgrimage - and an ever-widening of knowledge for those who would otherwise sit in darkness. Pray for these itinerant messengers of God.

Rev. Joel Kettenring, Candidate Secretary for Baptist Mid-Missions provides some very interesting information from his department. He says, "There is much to thank the Lord for this past year of candidate work with Baptist Mid-Missions. A total of 152 Preliminary Information Questionnaires were sent out with 106 being completed. Of these, 80 received the Formal Application, and 69 of these 80 were completed. A total of 67 candidates attended Candidate Seminar at Cedarville College in July.

"Candidate Seminar was a rich blessing of fellowship together with the candidates. The staff of Baptist Mid-Missions participated in the Seminar in teaching classes and interviewing candidates. The candidate class seemed especially suited to missionary service as they wholeheartedly cooperated in the program and gave every evidence of their dedication to God's call on their lives. At the close of Seminar, 50 were authorized as appointees after successfully completing their oral doctrinal examination.

"This year's candidates included seven couples for Brazil, one couple and a single girl for the Central African Republic, five singles and eight couples for ministry in North America, two couples for Australia, one couple and two singles for Liberia, one couple for Chad, two couples and one single for the Dominican Republic, one couple each for Italy, France, Honduras, England, Scotland, and Okinawa, one single girl for Venezuela, and one single girl for St. Lucia.

"Currently, there are 189 who are in various stages of application looking forward to full time service."

Praise the Lord for those who have answered the call for missionary service, but the need is great. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few.

Another sister Baptist mission agency is the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. It is a joy to share with you the blessings from this fine mission family. God's hand of blessing upon the ministry of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions have been evidenced in the recent development of two new Black works. One Black couple has taken over a work in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and another couple has begun holding regular services in the new work in East Providence, Rhode Island.

News of a ground breaking for an F.B.H.M. work in Schiller Park, Illinois, and of the good progress in a long-awaited building going up in Dallas, Texas, is occasion for much rejoicing on the part of the saints laboring in these areas.

Another evidence of expansion within the Lord's work is the increasing number of requests coming in lately to the Church Buildings Committee investment fund for loans toward building programs.

Things are happening in missions today. God continues to call countless numbers of young people into the great harvest field. Someone once said, "God is eternal. He buries His workman, but His work goes on." Praise the Lord for the privilege of having a part in missions through the ministries of our local Baptist churches.

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Talents For Christ

The Ohio Talents for Christ winners in 1976 took three first places in the national GARBC conference at Seattle, Washington. These winners were Karen Anderson of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo-Cheryl Sprunger of the Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati and Larry Ball of the Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth. We are hoping we will have even more winners in the 1977 national contest!

As to the TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest for 1977, it will be held at Cedarville College on April 16th.

The categories for the GARBC national contest are: Organ, Piano, Strings, Brass, Woodwinds, Girls Voice, Boys Voice, Bible Knowledge, Journalism, Girls Public Speaking and Boys Public Speaking.

This year at Cedarville we will have not only the categories on the NATIONAL level as listed in the previous paragraph but, also, there will be additional categories. These, however, are for OHIO-ONLY . . . on a STATE level.

Concerning the OHIO-ONLY categories we offer the following information:

OHIO-ONLY CATEGORY - PUBLICITY

Using material and information provided, the contestant will design a poster publicizing the State Youth Rally to be held that year. Also, using the Rally theme, the contestant will provide a design or symbol to be printed on T-Shirts to be made available at the State Rally. Entries should be in by February 1 to allow time to receive the packet of material and information which will be sent upon receipt of the registration. Fee must accompany registration.

OHIO-ONLY - COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Contestant will take a one-hour, 150 question test over the entire Bible (KJV). Test will be multiple choice, true/false, and matching. Short answer objective questions will be used in the event of a tie. Winner will be determined by highest score.

OHIO-ONLY CATEGORY - STORYTELLING

Contestants will be given 10 minutes to tell a Bible story or a story conveying a Bible principle as told to children. Use of visuals, etc. will be permitted and encouraged. A helpful book for potential contestants would be *Storytelling: It's Easy* by Ethel Barret, published by Zondervan.

OHIO-ONLY CATEGORY - YOUTH PROGRAM PLANNING

Contestants will provide detailed plans for a one hour inspirational program designed to be used in a Sunday evening, 5:45 type meeting. Theme of the meeting and how it's carried out will be determined by the contestant. Publicity, visuals and/or props

should be described sufficiently so as to be easily understood by the judges.

ALL ENTRIES FOR THIS CONTEST MUST BE IN MY MARCH 1 Judging of the Youth Program Planning category will be based on originality, efficient use of time, accomplishing stated objectives.

OHIO-ONLY CATEGORY - CREATIVE YOUTH ACTIVITY PLANNING

Contestants will plan a weekday afternoon or evening special activity for senior high young people. Plans should include theme, sufficiently so as to be easily understood by the judges. Ideas submitted for the Youth Program Planning and the Creative Youth Activity Planning categories will be made available to churches following the contest.

Those participating in the OHIO-ONLY contest should read the following:

ELIGIBILITY: Contestants must comply with the same general rules and guidelines as to eligibility and entry requirements published annually in the GARBC National Talents for Christ contest publications.

CONTESTANTS: as many entrants as desire from one church may enter the contest. Contestants may enter only one category each year. First place winners in OHIO-ONLY categories may not compete in any OHIO-ONLY category the following year.

REGISTRATIONS: Registration takes place in the same manner as outlined in the National Rules book with the exception that no registration form is to be sent to the National GARBC office, only send on to the State TALENTS FOR CHRIST registrar.

PRIZES: First prize in each category will be a one-week scholarship to any of the three Ohio State Baptist Youth camps or a Teen Leadership Conference at any of our approved colleges. Transportation is not included. Value of each award: \$35-\$45. All entries will be awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd division ribbons.

ENTRIES: All entries become the property of the Ohio State Youth Committee which will not be responsible for their return.

It is to be noted that the REGISTRATION fee for both the National and State TALENTS FOR CHRIST contests are the same as listed in the registration form sent to the GARBC churches. One registration form is to be to the National. State registration cards should be sent to Jim Ellick, Grace Baptist Church, 3475 Paris Blvd., Westerville, Ohio-43081.

Here are some HINTS TO PASTORS . . .

1. Start promoting TALENTS FOR CHRIST NOW. Get your young people started early.
2. Have registration materials available for interested young people.

Bethany Association

The Bethany Association held its ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE at the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in East Liverpool, Ohio where Brother Clyde Albertson is pastor. The meeting was held Tuesday, November 9. Messages on the subject of prayer were brought by Pastor Fred Robb of Calvary Baptist Church, Salem; Pastor Kenneth Romig, Bethel Baptist Church, Warren; and Pastor Thomas Fillinger, Shawnee Hills Baptist Church, Jamestown. Sessions for prayer followed each devotional message.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING with the ELECTION OF OFFICERS was held. The following men were elected to serve beginning in January '77.

President	- William Alexander, Niles
V. President	- Kenneth Romig, Warren
Secretary	- Max McCullough, Vienna
Treasurer	- Fred Robb, Salem
Youth Chr.	- Steve Curtis, Youngstown

In other business, a position was taken in opposition to the HERE'S LIFE IN YOUNGSTOWN campaign currently underway in the Bethany Association area.

A Christmas banquet was planned for the pastors and wives of the Bethany Association. This was held December 3rd at the BQF Steak House in Austintown. A Youth Rally was scheduled for November 20. Brother William Russell was the guest speaker and on December 11, Uncle Jack Willetts spoke to our youth regarding Camp Patmos. Both of these rallies were held in the First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio.

3. Find some adult who will work with the young people in selecting material and encourage during the discouraging times of preparation.
4. Give young people opportunity to present their program to the church as help in preparation.
5. See that entries are sent in on time. See that a registration fee accompanies entry form. This is a must!
6. Encourage your young people as much as possible during the difficult preparation time.

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OF TALENTS FOR CHRIST (National or State) CONTACT JIM NEELEY, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 5650 FAR HILLS AVENUE, DAYTON, OHIO-45429 or PHONE: (513)434-4676.

It Was A Lovely Christmas Dinner

The pastors (and their wives) who are a part of the North East Ohio Regular Baptist Fellowship gathered on December 13 at the beautiful Brown Derby restaurant in Mentor, Ohio.

There were 36 in attendance - the largest number ever had for their Christmas meeting. Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Werbeach of North Royalton, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Umbaugh, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Davis and Rev. and Mrs. Don Moffat.

Rev. Ross DeFelice of Chardon, Ohio is the chairman of the N.E.O. Fellowship.

A devotional study on First Thesalonians was brought by Rev. Terrence Rudd of Orange Village, Ohio. Hearts were blessed.

The next meeting of the North East Ohio Regular Baptist Fellowship will be held at the Huntsburg Baptist Church.

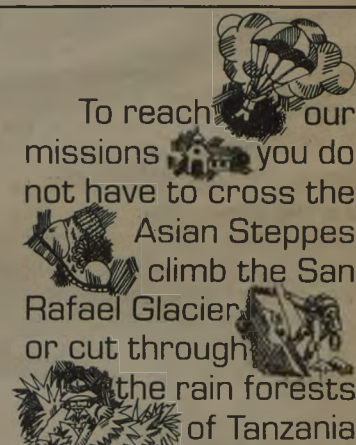
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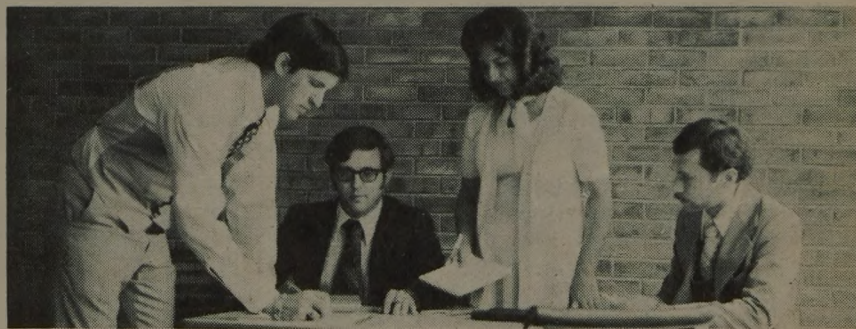
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AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We now have 18 of our young people away at schools preparing themselves for their life's work. Drs. Roland and Martha Snearly (Chad-BMM) ministered here in early December. Fred and Rachel Patton spoke at our Women's Missionary Union meeting. We greatly enjoyed having the Cedarville College Swordbearers with us on November 21st.

AVON BAPTIST CHURCH—

A special offering was taken at our Thanksgiving Dinner for our missionaries. Brother Robert James ministered here while our pastor was attending a conference. "The Vance Family" told of the need of the gospel in Hawaii. These missionaries are seeking further support in order to get to their place of labor - Hawaii.

BALTIMORE,

WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH—

Evangelist Ed. Morrell ministered here in special meetings December 5 through 12. His ministry was a blessing.

BEDFORD,

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our young people took part in making a special trip to Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Penna. Mrs. Mildred Leech spoke at one of our evening services recently telling us of her work among the Jews.

BLANCHESTER,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recently we were privileged to have a men's quartet from Cedarville sing at one of our evening services. Brother Dave Taylor (ABWE-Brazil) spoke here on December 5th. Brother Dave also ministered at our Christmas Missionary Banquet on Dec. 7. Our choir presented John Petersen's "Night of Miracles" on December 19.

BOWLING GREEN,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Elgena will be with us for our Sunday School Conference, January 7, 8 and 9. A drama team from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny will minister here on February 20. They are under the direction of Rev. Clarence Townsend. Brother Townsend is a former pastor of this church.

CALDWELL,

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Keeler were here representing the Shepherds Home. In November, we had a Fellowship Carry-in Supper. It was a joy to have Missionary Charles Alexander and his family with us for this occasion.

CANTON,

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We appreciated the ministry and fellowship of "The Jim Ruck" family. We were able to have a "Grocery Shower" for them. Dr. Ken Cole, ABWE appointee for the Philippine Islands told us of his anticipated work. His ministry was a blessing.

CANTON,

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Sami and Roxanne Kanani (BMM) told us of their ministry among college students. Our ladies held their Christmas banquet on December 6 and Mrs. Pauline Kettenring was guest speaker and soloist.

COLUMBUS,

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Twenty-five of our "Goldenagers" had an enjoyable trip to Roscoe Village (near Coshocton). Dr. Al Monroe of Cedarville College was with us for our "Campus/Career Kick-Off". His presentation was intellectually oriented but yet a level of general understanding. A special offering was taken at our Thanksgiving Day service for the Children for Christ ministry in Central Ohio.

COLUMBUS,

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent guest speakers include Brother Hiram Thompson and Brother Rich Langley. We sent a Christmas box to the "Shepherds Home and School".

COLUMBUS,

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our choir gave two renditions of John Petersen's Cantata—"I Love America". The Lord blessed through our special evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Bob Sumner. We rejoice in that our pastor's wife, Mrs. Don Winters, has come through her hospital experience and time of convalescing.

COSHOCTON,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent speakers at our church have been missionary appointee Elaine Schulte, Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Dr. Robert Gromacki and Dr. Allen Monroe. We had a fine missionary conference with Dr. Ken Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Williams and Brother David Taylor as special speakers. Pastor and Mrs. David Elmore are planning to co-host another tour of the Holy Land beginning February 21st. We recently called Brother Larry Fox to serve as Assistant Pastor of our church. He will also continue as Supervisor of our Christian Day School.

DAYTON,

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Mr. Gary Holz, missionary appointee under BMM for Campus Bible Fellowship showed us slides of his work. This year our Christmas Missionary project was to send money and other gifts to the Children's home in St. Louis, Michigan. Our choir presented the Christmas cantata—"Joy To All People".

DAYTON,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We voted, as a church, to help on the support of Rev. Don Lindblad, Pastor of Kemp Road Baptist Church, at \$100 per month. On November 14 we held a food shower for the Lindblad family.

DUNDEE,

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—

We appreciated the ministry of missionaries Ralph and Mary Poulson (ABWE-Brazil). Brother Dean Henry from Brown Street Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio led us in our Bible Conference. He taught the Book of Titus.

ELYRIA,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our AWANA Shipmates have undertaken a ministry of making available (through cassette tape) both morning and evening services of our church. These are then taken to our shut-ins. Brother Virgil Freyermuth, Director of Joy Clubs for FBHM, ministered at our Thanksgiving Service. Guest speaker at our Adult Christmas Banquet was Rev. George Zinn who ministered to us both in word and in song. Missionary Joel Kettenring spoke to our ladies at their W.M.F. Christmas Tea.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Guest speaker for our Bicentennial Missionary Fellowship was Dr. Kenneth Muck of FBHM. Rev. Classen, pastor of the Lymone Baptist Church in Southeast Toledo, gave our people a report of their new church. We viewed the film "Sound of Trumpet" at our Watchnight Service.

GALLIPOLIS,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Gospel Artist LeRoy Sheveland led us in our special Sixth Anniversary services. We praise the Lord for the good attendance at our Sunday School and church services.

HINCKLEY,

HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Mr. Doug Wedel, missionary to France, presented his work here on November 7. Our choir presented the cantata—"Love Transcending".

JOHNSTOWN,

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Lord blessed with a wonderful week of revival meetings with Brother Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. Our W.C.F. met to elect new officers. They had a delightful time at their Installation Banquet.

KENTON,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our pastor's son, Rev. Bob DeBoer, Jr. (Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ellsworth, Me.) presented a chalk drawing here recently. Our choir presented the cantata—"Carols of Christmas".

LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Youth Group gave a banquet for the rest of our church. There were 83 in attendance. They also presented a program following the dinner. We were pleased to have a group of Swordbearers from Cedarville College for a weekend.

LONDON,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College took over one of our Sunday evening services. They proved to be a blessing to our people. We held a special Thanksgiving-Dedication service on Sunday, November 21st. This was preceded on Saturday night by a special supper. Guest speaker was Rev. B. C. Jennings of Lancaster, Ohio. Brother George Zinn was with us on December 5th.

MEDINA,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Hearts were blessed during our Missionary Conference. Participating missionaries were Jesse Eaton, David Toro, Florence Houck and Louise Winchip. We greatly appreciate the ministry of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Earl Willerts.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH—

John Bird, Field Missionary for Ohio for Positive Action for Christ, ministered to us on a Sunday evening. We had a delightful Thanksgiving Candlelight Praise Service on the eve of Thanksgiving.

NEW LONDON,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a good missionary conference with missionaries Samuel and Betty Caudill, Joel and Thelma Nicholes and Bill and Sharon Sharrott.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionary Russell Vaughn, appointee to Italy, was with us for a Wednesday evening prayer service.

NORTH MADISON,

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We viewed the film—"SURVIVAL" at our Watchnight Service. We continue to move along making good progress on the new addition to our building.

NORTH ROYALTON BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had good meetings with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. We viewed the film "The Carlson Story" at our Watchnight Service.

ORANGE VILLAGE,

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—

A Fellowship Dinner was held on December 8th at which time we saw the film—"Revelation". Our youth enjoyed seeing the film—"In the Presence of Mine Enemies". This was on Dec. 26th and the film—"Survival" was shown at our Watchnight service.

RITTMAN,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had an excellent missionary conference. All of the missionaries were a part of Baptist Mid-Missions. They were: Rev. and Mrs. Ed Schlegel (St. Vincent, West Indies), Rev. Kenneth Steward, (North American Field in Canada to work with people who have migrated there from India) and Rev. Mike Horne (missionary appointee to Holland). Our pastor, Rev. David Welshans, will be teaching the Spring Quarter at the Akron Extension of the Moody Bible Institute. He will be teaching Acts and Job. We have begun a PRO-TEENS program among our young people.

SPRINGFIELD,

BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. John Marot ministered here on November 7. Our Crusaders Class viewed the film—"My Son, My Son". Also, they had a special Christmas Dinner and guest speaker for this affair was Evangelist Paul Dixon.

SPRINGFIELD,

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—

It was a delight to sit under the ministry of Dr. Robert Lightner, Professor of Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. We greatly appreciate the ministry of Rev. Murray Murdoch who is serving as our Interim Pastor.

STREETSBORO,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a lot of activity at our church around Christmas time. Our Adult Sunday School Class had a Christmas Fellowship—we had our annual Sunday School Christmas program—our Ladies Missionary Society had their Christmas dinner—our Choir presented a special Christmas program. God is blessing our work for which we praise Him.

SUNBURY,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

It was our privilege to hear Dr. Kenneth E. Cole (ABWE-Philippines) tell of his anticipated work in the Philippines. Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat will be with us for the Sunday services on January 16. We just marked the 12th year of our weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast.

TALLMADGE,

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH—

On November 21st, Rev. Robert Gough, serving with Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions ministered here.

TOLEDO,

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Christmas Banquet was a time of blessing. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Snyder of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo were our guests. They sang for us and Brother Snyder then brought a special message. We viewed the film "The Invasion" a portrayal of Israel in the last days.

TOLEDO,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

It was a delight to have Missionary Appointee to Spain, Carol McCaffery at one of our Wednesday evening services recently. Our Holiday Musicales proved to be a rich blessing to the many who were able to hear this wonderful music. We viewed the film—"T.V. and Thee" at one of our Sunday night Training Hour services.

TROY,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our "Teens For Christ" put on a spaghetti Supper for the local Varsity Football Team and coaches. The film—"A Man and His Men" was shown followed by a message by our Youth Director. Also, our "Teens For Christ" attended the Swordbearers' Conference at Cedarville College. Pray for our "teens" as they have taken a stand in their school refusing to sing in their school's chorus program that includes songs from "Jesus Christ, Superstar".

VIENNA,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

In grace, the Lord blessed during our recent special meetings with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife Lois. We praise the Lord for His continued blessing on our church. We are seeing a steady growth!

WESTLAKE,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our ladies enjoyed the ministry of Gladys Baines and Betty Vanderground-both from Baptist Mid-Missions. Our church choir presented—"Night Of Miracles". Also, we viewed the film—"To the Unknown God" at our Watchnight service.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had many special Christmas activities. Our choir presented their Christmas cantata on Sunday evening, December 26th.

WILLOWICK,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our special meetings with Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife Lois were truly blessed of the Lord. Our choir presented their Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening, Dec. 19.

XENIA,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recently, Professor Larry Killian of Cedarville College spoke at one of our Wednesday evening services while our pastor (Rev. William Wheeler) and his wife attended a conference in Buffalo, New York. We viewed the film—"Armageddon". We had a delightful time at our Adult Christmas banquet.

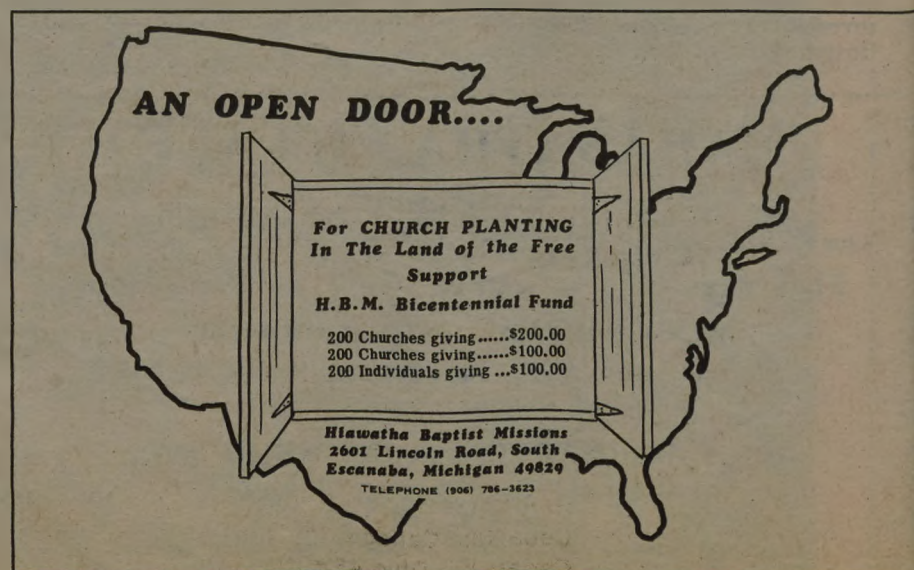
Not Mere Statistics

The following appeared in "The Bell" which is the official paper of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ohio. We rejoice in what is being accomplished through our missionaries. The Lord is richly blessing their medical work, which is but a means to the end of winning souls and the establishing of indigenous Baptist churches. This is happening in the distant lands where our GARBC approved agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism - Baptist Mid-Missions - Evangelical Baptist Missions) are ministering. PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES!

MEDICAL REPORT

A medical/evangelistic report is received monthly in our ABWE headquarters from Bethel Baptist Hospital, Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines. We are always thrilled when this arrives for we realize these are not simply "cold" statistics, but represent the day-by-day ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nelson and Miss Ella Grover, and a staff of Filipino medical personnel and evangelists who team up to use the hospital as a means of getting the gospel to hundreds of Filipinos. With this in mind, we believe you will rejoice that the following statistical report from September '76 elicits our praise to God for a ministry that is daily blessed of Him.

Total adult attendance at pre-clinic services	1,435
Total children attending (too young to understand message)	156
Number of individual patients treated	1,944
Number professing SALVATION	70
Number of laboratory tests	1,856
Number of X-rays	104
Number of patients admitted to the Infirmary	136
Number of major operations	14
Number of minor operations	48
Number of deliveries	40
Number of patients treated at Damulog outreach	30



Missionary Conference Ideas

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Arcanum, Ohio (Rev. Robert G. Perry, Pastor) held an interesting and an exciting Missionary Conference this past year. Our Women's Editor of the O.I.B., Mrs. Sergie (Earl) Umbaugh requested that the church share with them some of their ideas. As a result of this request we are able to submit the following:

The Missionary Conference is a time that should be a special time for all of the people of any given church. We planned our conference with this thought in mind. If only a few people are involved in a church missionary conference, psychologically, it becomes their conference. HOWEVER, if many individuals are involved, it unfolds beautifully as an entire church project and MANY instead of a few benefit.

Those especially easy to involve in a missionary conference are: the Deacon's Board, the Missionary Committee, the Sunday School Departments, the Choir and the Young People.

It of course, is imperative that a Deacon Board unify and heartily endorse the missionary conference. The enthusiasm of the Deacon Board, coupled with the Missionary Committee, can create a warm harmony for the entire conference.

ABOVE ALL, the PASTOR must be in sympathy and be the aggressive promoter of the theme, ideas and plans that have been prearranged by pastor, missionary committee and deacon board. If the pastor is deeply interested in the conference, he will be the best possible promoter.

Introducing missions and missionaries to younger children in the Sunday School is pure delight. Promoting the conference in the lower departments provides blessed rewards.

1. Making posters with the pictures of the conference missionaries and basic information (field of service, map of country, etc.) to be used a few weeks before the conference, is of invaluable help.

Each Sunday for at least three weeks before the conference, posters are used as visual aids in the opening exercises in individual departments. This, of course, introduces the children to the missionaries. It familiarizes them with the missionaries, causing the children to be anxious to meet missionaries personally. Thus, when the missionaries finally arrive in the various SS departments the Sunday morning of the conference, the children take an active interest and feel comfortable with the missionaries.

At Immanuel we promote missions and missionaries. We pray for the same. One day we

prayerfully plan to send some of our YP into missionary service. Not for statistical reasons...but for the simple factor that God honors PRAYER and proper PROMOTION by allowing a church the blessed privilege of PLACEMENT of their godly YP in the Lord's service. We are busy now preparing our YP for that prospect!

SPEAKING OF YOUNG PEOPLE-let's cover young people next. Again, at Immanuel, we are very aware of the potential within our youth. Therefore we always include our youth in our missionary conferences.

1. We asked two of our YP, plus an adult (careful not to work with the youth more than the adults nor vice versa) to prepare displays for our conference. Two displays included the field of foreign service of two missionaries represented. One young person thought she would cover the home field plus introduce our church and YP to our seven schools.

The theme of her display was...HAS GOD CALLED YOU? Her display happened to be at the front of the church. Therefore, all during the conference that theme stared each of us in the face. She then displayed the names of the seven schools on banners to the left of her display with another poster...PREPARE AT ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS. She had written well in advance to each of our schools, sharing her idea, requesting any promotional material they felt they could send that would be beneficial. Above her display were posters from each school. On the display table was a multitude of information necessary to know more about our Bible Schools. On Sunday, the last day of the conference, most of the material was distributed to young people in the church plus several young couples.

2. Usually our conference is planned to include an AWANA and PROTEEN evening. One group is included in the conference one evening and the other group another evening. Many of these YP hear and see a missionary for the first time. Again, if the conference has been properly promoted these evenings become very happy and the YP are excited about the prospect of another missionary conference the next year.

MUSIC:

A well chosen theme chorus or hymn is vital. Then too, included in the conference brochure can be several missionary songs, plus some additional verses fitted to familiar hymns. The song leaders will endeavor to include these songs all during the conference.

Missionary songs taught during the year in the lower SS departments can be reviewed and emphasized during conference week.

POSTER BOARD SIGNS:

During conference time a person should be reminded of missions, no matter where he walks in a church. If the Holy Spirit is working in a heart and a person's eyes rest on a quotation relating to missions, a final decision is often reached. HAS GOD CALLED YOU...has a way of nagging at a heart... Suggestions for poster board signs:

"THE ONLY WAY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE IS TO GO TO EVERY CREATURE"

"WOULD YOU BELIEVE IN MISSIONS IF YOU COULD CHANGE PLACES WITH THE HEATHEN"

"THERE IS A MIGHTY BIG 'GO' IN GOSPEL"

"CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME, BUT THE KIND WE READ ABOUT IN THE BIBLE IS NEVER CONFINED THERE"

"EVERY HEART WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST IS A MISSION FIELD; EVERY HEART WITH JESUS CHRIST SHOULD BE A MISSIONARY"

"CHRIST'S LAST COMMAND, OUR FIRST CONCERN 'GO'"

"MISSIONS BEGIN WHEN A SINNER CROSSES YOUR PATH"

"A MISSIONARY AND A CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE SAME"

"A CHRISTIAN WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN MISSIONS DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION"

"THE CHURCH MUST PREACH TO PERISH, TEACH OR TARNISH, EVANGELIZE OR FOSSILIZE, SEND OR END"

"A CHRISTIAN TEACHES THEIR DOLLARS MORE CENTS BY GIVING TO MISSIONS"

"A MISSIONARY IS ONE WHO NEVER CAN GROW ACCUSTOMED TO THE THUD OF CHRISTLESS FEET ON THE WAY TO ETERNITY"

"AT EVERY BREATH YOU DRAW, FOUR SOULS PERISH NEVER HAVING HEARD OF CHRIST"

One final thought...LADIES LUNCHEONS AND MEN'S LUNCHEONS...during a missionary conference are fantastic. Folks who attend are put at ease with an informal setting...fellowship is great...new thoughts...new ideas are formulated!

Evangelist Ken Dodson

Present With The Lord

In a letter received this week from Rev. Karl Gettman (Grace Baptist Church, Cambridge, Ohio), we learned that our friend and brother, Evangelist Kenneth Dodson is now present with His Lord.


Brother Dodson, a GARBC approved evangelist, was holding a special meeting for Pastor Gettman and his people at the Cambridge church. On Tuesday, November 9, at the evening service, Evangelist Dodson made his announcements. He then became suddenly ill and asked to be excused from the meeting...retiring to a back room of the church. His condition was such that it was deemed necessary to call an ambulance. About an hour later, while at the hospital, he went to be with the Lord.

Our brother held many meetings across these United States. Under his ministry there were lost sinners who came to know Christ as their personal Saviour and a great host of believers who were caused to surrender their "all" to the Lord. Ken Dodson was a faithful servant of the Lord. His ministry will be greatly missed.

Let us be in prayer for Mrs. Dodson and the members of their family during these days.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Retreat Reflect Regroup Resurge

"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure. . . ." Mark 6:31

RETREAT

It is a source of encouragement to us all to see the continued response of our OARBC women in coming to our Retreats. It is a blessing individually for each to get away from home responsibilities for a couple of days. Webster defines it as "a time of seclusion, privacy". This is possible if one wishes to take a time alone in the chapel of the pines, or out on the hillside overlooking the valley and the hills and lake or watching the waves splash against the rocks. He also defines it as "a withdrawing, a backward movement under enemy pressure." Our enemy - the world, the flesh and the devil - pressure from all sides in our work-a-day world and like our Saviour we need times of withdrawal that we might. . . .

REFLECT

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him." Psalm 62:5. It is an amazing thing how the Lord uses His servants to meet the needs of the ladies as they sit in adverse conditions and listen as His Word is unfolded at these Retreats and as they live together in the cabins in close relationship with women in their own as well as associated churches and share experiences, trials and victories which enables them to go home and. . . .

REGROUP

their hopes, ideas, plans and purposes that will enable each to go back to their own homes to attain new goals in their homes, churches and neighborhoods and determine to

RESURGE. . . .

to new heights in one's Christian life and to see the Lord enable one to reach out to those about us with the glorious riches we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord. "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

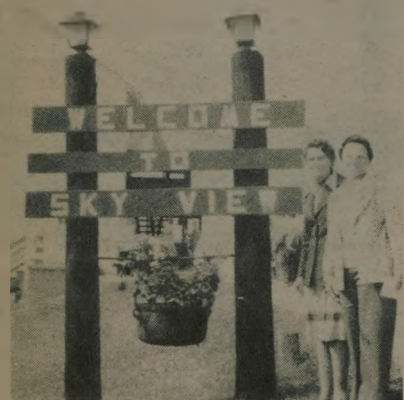
Echoes Of The Retreats

SCIOTO HILLS ——"Faith Applied"

Attendance 70
Scioto Hills Retreat was directed in a gracious manner by Susan Renshaw from Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus. Vicki Jensen kept the services joyful with good music. Fran Queen and Nina Kendrick provided cute kitten and lovely flower crafts. Gladys Baines was initiated in her first Ohio Retreat and kept the ladies alternately laughing and crying as she shared with them her missionary zeal and experiences. The 23rd Psalm took on new meaning to every woman who drank in Mildred Bryant's teaching as "Faith applied in Areas of a Woman's Life".

SKYVIEW 1—"Vessels to be used of God"

Attendance 124



Ruth Hege - Coralyn Gleason

Marcia Elmore, along with the committee had prepared a great Retreat as was evidenced as the hours progressed. Ruth Hege and Coralyn Gleason were a team which had served together in Venezuela and now complimented each other in presenting His Word and work of Missions. The old piano in the open pavilion groaned and wheezed but Mary Jo Moore made it forget its pain as Marge Odor lead us in

some inspiring music. We shall never forget "The Joy of the Lord is my strength". -- Even in the face of death -- Ruth Hege brought out -- There must be a willingness to sacrifice all for Him --. Now we are to allow death to self, "there is nothing as relaxing as death" she said. "Queen Esther said, "If I perish, I perish."

The following are some testimonies concerning this Retreat from the ladies of the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls. There were thirteen ladies in their group. The largest single group. -- "I was impressed to see how God supplies exactly what is needed in times of stress. Example -- Miss Hege found proper clothing, glasses unbroken, etc. preserved after the carnage attack in Chad." Marilyn Lance -- "My faith was challenged by the faith exemplified in the lives of our two missionaries." -- Pat Walters -- "Cabin times were so rewarding in that I really came to know my own church sisters in an intimate way." -- Francis Gray



Graham Road Ladies

Back row: Greta Givens, Joan Meadows, Mildred Batton, Ann Erickson. Center row: Beulah Jennings, Kathryn Rowles, Marilyn Lance, Frances Gray, Pat Walters. Front row: Hannah Sue Strunk, Sergie Umbaugh, (not pictured - Joanne Schwartz - She was the Bookstore lady and was packing to return home.

Ladies-Take Note!

Our 49th Annual Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio is now a part of history! Our ladies were sparsely represented but we praise the Lord for all of you who were able to attend. We know it was a long drive for most. Mrs. Carol Ruck and her delightful daughters gave us a look into Japanese customs and dress.

We wish to alert you to our SPRING RALLY at Southgate Baptist Church, 2111 South Center Blvd., Springfield, Ohio on Tuesday, April 19.

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JUST TO REMIND YOU.

Prepare some samples of your work projects for exhibit in April.

QUESTION -- Let us know your reaction to a SPRING RETREAT.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Concerning PRAYER LINE-the corrected phone number for Mrs. Giles Cook (No. 22) is 466-3980.

Here are some additional prayer requests

- Jean Morot (Canada) family-accidental death of 21 year old daughter.
- Michael Brown family-Africa-Fay ill with terminal cancer.
- Lucille Brouillet-fell, cracked pelvis.

SKYVIEW 2 --

"Salute to America: Glory to God"
Attendance 144

Mrs. Rhea Gilmore saturated our music times with tributes to God for our free American heritage. The crafts were fascinating creations from corn husks to dream dolls; wall hangings of barn siding and toad stools; to cake decoration and lovely button necklaces. Pauline Kettenring, wife of BMM Candidate Secretary, led us step by step showing when we are pliable in God's hands He prepares us for each succeeding phase of our lives.



Sally Carr and Ida Bennett



Pauline Kettenring and Gladys Baines

These are some of the testimonies given by the ladies at the Retreat.

-- "Thanks to you, Mrs. Garlick and your staff for all your work, plans and love. We hope to see you next year. Our Friday evening testimony time was a special blessing. -- Mrs. Carr

-- "This was my first Retreat in the 21 years of my Christian life. The love that was so warm among the women was a great part of the blessing of it. Even though it was

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so cold that when I stood up to sing bundled up in pants suit, cowboy boots, sweater and heavy wraps to keep warm I didn't mind. (Oh, how we need the pavilion enclosed with its fire place!) Gladys Baines' verse to go home with did help and I will remember it for a long time to come. Psalm 92:2 "Loving kindness in the morning." I returned home bubbling, wanting to be a clean vessel for Him to use, not a dirty plate in the attic" -- Anita Lind

CAMP PATMOS -- "Provoked Spirit"

Attendance 76

We praised God for 76 in '76. Our first retreat on the "Isle of Patmos," was a great success. The Ferry Boat over was rough but interesting. We know why the children enjoy it so! The ride back was calm and beautiful. Some ladies also enjoyed a speed boat ride out into the lake. A few ventured to swim. . . (in the pool, of course!). Several enjoyed the bikes and many just watching the waves splash on the shore, especially on Friday morning for sunrise over the lake. Judy Smith, Faith Baptist Church of Amherst, led the crafts. . . Owl plaques and Macrame. Beverly Toro, Australia, was a delightful missionary speaker and all were challenged to allow the Lord to calm our provoked souls as Mrs. Edna Kuhnle opened God's Word to us at each session.

MOHICAN -- "Beloved, let us love"

Attendance 166

The early winter weather was no threat to the 166 ladies gathering at Mohican Lodge for our second Harvest Retreat. The Thursday night fireside was cozy and a great time of sharing in singing softly interspersed with testimonies and prayer as we circled the glowing fire.

Yvonne Pickering, wife of the President of Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Penna., brought searching and revealing thoughts from God's Word and her experiences concerning "loves relationships". Mrs. Bertha Moore and her committee are to be thanked for their thoughtful planning.

The following is the testimony of two who attended this retreat - Chris Antill and Ann Lowe . . . both of Norton Baptist Church.

-- "All good things must come to an end" was our reply at the end of two of the most memorable days anyone could experience for a reasonable price. We cannot pinpoint any particular highlight because everything planned was a real blessing and inspiration. We laughed until we cried during the fun time and on the other hand we cried tears. . . tears of joy during the Bible Study time and fireside testimony time as we shared the problems and blessings of other Christian ladies.

TRY IT -- YOU'LL LIKE IT!!
-- "580 women can't be wrong! Why don't you plan to join in the Retreats next year?" -- Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Kincaid, Calvary Baptist Church, Lancaster.

West Moriah

Pastor's Fellowship

The regular monthly meeting of the West Moriah Pastors' Fellowship was held November 16 at the Rocky Fork Baptist Church, Gahanna, Ohio. The moderator for this meeting was Rev. James Ellick. A time of special prayer was had for Dr. Hugh Hall, Calvary Baptist Church, Bellfontaine, Ohio, who, at that time, was soon to undergo serious heart surgery.

Mr. Kenneth St. Clair, Business Manager for Cedarville College, lectured to the pastors on Church Financing and Personal and Pastoral Helps relative to income taxing and retirement. This was greatly appreciated by everyone.

A special Christmas Youth Banquet was planned for December 4 at the Memorial Baptist Church gymnasium with the soccer team from Cedarville present to offer a special program. Too, a banquet for the pastors and their wives of the West Moriah Fellowship was planned for December 21. This is an annual affair held at Christmas time.

Consideration was given concerning the West Moriah Association working along with Brother Lee-land Crotts, Jewish Evangelism, in sponsoring an "evangelism booth" at the 1977 Ohio State Fair.

Xenia Area

Pastor's Fellowship

The Xenia Area Pastors' Fellowship met on November 2nd. It was opened by Chairman Al Tassell (Norwood Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio) with a devotional message on Romans 13.

Plans were made for a Christmas banquet to be held at the Madera Manor in Cincinnati on December 6th. (As of this writing, the banquet is a thing of the past! It was a time of rich fellowship in the Lord.)

Brother Jim Neeley (Minister of Youth at the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio) gave a report concerning the YOUTH FOR TRUTH COMMITTEE. The November "Youth for Truth" meeting was held on November 20th in the Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio. No rally was scheduled for December. Their proposed schedule for the months ahead is as follows:

- Jan. 15-At Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville. Speaker: Galen Call
- Feb. 17-At Grace Baptist Church, Troy Gospel Team from Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeney, Iowa
- Mar. 14-(Church not confirmed as yet) Bowling Rally in afternoon - Woodman Lanes, Dayton. Speaker: Jack Willetts, Director of Camp Patmos
- Apr. 16-At Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton. Speaker: Mel Johnson
- May 14-STATE YOUTH RALLY-Memorial Auditorium, Columbus

Pastor Jackson reported that there are possibly six people from his church living in the Yellow Spring area. He suggested that if there were churches having folk in that area... it might be that a nucleus could be formed to begin a new work there.

Dr. Paul Entner has been scheduled to speak at the January meeting of the Xenia Area Pastors' Fellowship. This meeting being scheduled for the first Tuesday in January and it will be held at the Washington Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Entner is a graduate of Rosewood Graduate School of Psychology with a PhD. degree. He will be speaking on the general topic of relationships in the home and family.

Cedarville College News

Sacred Sounds

"The Sacred Sounds of Peace" is the new slogan heard every day on WCDR-FM, college radio station. Serving metropolitan Dayton and Springfield, the station is now programming more sacred music throughout the day than any other station in the area. Also, from 8:00 to 10:30 each weekday morning is set aside for devotional and solid Bible study programs, featuring Wilbur Nelson, John Jess, Francis Nordland, J. Vernon McGee, and the live broadcast of the Cedarville College daily chapel service. Each chapel service is rebroadcast at 7:00 that same evening.

The college is sincerely interested that the daily broadcast of WCDR be a real service to the Christian listeners of our area. Listeners within range of FM 90.3 are encouraged to listen and support the ministry of the college.

Those outside the range of WCDR but in the state of OHIO please consult the following schedule for stations in your area carrying "CAMPUS CHALLENGE" - radio messages presented by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College.

OHIO
Berea (WBWC 88.1 FM)
Cleveland (WCRF-FM 103.3 FM) M-F 7:50 a.m.
Convoy (WMER) Sunday 5:45 p.m.
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Holland (WPOS 102.3 FM) M-F 6:10 p.m.
Lima (WTGN 97.7 FM) M-F 12:50 p.m.
Miamisburg (WFCJ 93.7 Mhz.) M-F 3:30 p.m.
Springfield (WEEC 100.7 FM) M-F 12:15 a.m. and M-F 1:50 p.m.

Prospective Students

Night At BBI

Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland will hold its annual Prospective Students Night on January 17 with Rev. Dale Davis (BMM missionary) as chapel speaker.

The second semester will begin on Monday, February 7, with the following classes offered: Christian Education II, Christian Missions with eight members of the Baptist Mid-Missions staff conducting the course, I & II Peter, New Testament Synthesis, Bible Doctrine II, I & II Thessalonians, New Testament Parables, Hermeneutics, and Dispensations.

Classes are held each Monday night from 7:00 - 9:45 p.m. at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, 18901 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland (Euclid), Ohio. First semester enrollment has been 125 with an excellent spirit in this year's student body.

This meeting which was held on November 2nd, after finishing with their necessary business, was then turned over to Evangelist Hugh Pile who brought some vital truths from the book of Proverbs. He also answered several questions dealing with evangelism and Christian schools.



MISSIONARIES to the MORMONS

Are there missionaries from the Mormon Church in your area? Do you want to know what they really believe and how to deal with them? They can be won to Christ. To schedule a meeting or for more information write:

Rev. Robert A. Hays

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Missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions

Missions

Using as its theme verse Romans 15:21, the annual Cedarville College Missionary Conference will be held on campus January 16-21. The conference is sponsored by Fellowship for World Missions (FWM), a student organization promoting interest in missions among the student body. Under the direction of Jack Riggs, faculty advisor, and Rick Kline, president, FWM conducts mission prayer meetings five days a week with the express purpose of learning of the needs of missions and praying for the various mission fields.

Prior to the conference a missionary chorus contest will be held. The most appropriate of the choruses submitted by students will be chosen to be used as the theme song of the conference.

This year students will be privileged to hear messages, see slide presentations, and participate in seminars prepared by missionary speakers Dr. Hopewell, an administrator with ABWE, Vern Weber and Dan Lacey, missionaries under BMM; and Kay Lamb, a home missionary working with Campus Bible Fellowship under BMM.

Praise And Prayer

The following was clipped from the Cedarville College "Bulletin" (Winter 1976-1977).

"We want to share with you some of the ways the Lord has recently blessed Cedarville College, as well

Cedarville College Chapel Dedication

"Be it therefore resolved that this chapel building on this fifteenth day of October, 1976 be dedicated to the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and be used only for purposes that will bring honor to His Name. Be it also resolved that it shall not now nor anytime in the future be made available for any service of any kind where His Name shall be profaned or His Word denied."

Thus reads the concluding paragraph of the resolution adopted concerning the Cedarville College chapel, dedicated October 15 during Homecoming weekend at the college. Numerous friends of the college family gathered to rejoice in the completion of this much needed facility, and to praise the Lord for his provision.

Dr. James T. Jeremiah presided over the dedication program, an important part of which was the reading of the dedication resolution by George Engelmann, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cedarville College. Joseph M. Stowell, the National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches brought the message, "At the Heart of Things."

We want to thank all of you, who as friends of the college, have helped to make the new chapel possible by your gifts and prayers. We ask that you continue to pray with us that many will give so that the large indebtedness on the chapel may be dissolved.

as some current needs of the college, so that you can more effectively pray for our ministry here.

"We PRAISE the Lord for:

- This year's record enrollment of 1221 students.
- The new faculty and staff recently added to the college family.
- The completed chapel now in use by the college.
- The progress in the production of the "Cedarville College Presents..." cable TV programs.
- The financial blessings of the Lord through additional students and gifts from friends.

"Please PRAY with us concerning:

- The new ministry of the cable TV series, as well as the outreach of WCDR and Christian Education Publications.
- The remaining chapel debt.
- The continual need for qualified, dedicated faculty.
- The ministry of faculty and administration to students in the limited space.
- The students involved in Christian Service activities, such as Swordbearers, Missionary Internship Service, extension groups, rest home ministries, and campus witness groups."



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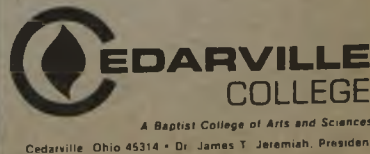
The Department of Science at Cedarville College aims to aid its students in developing clear and orderly thinking processes through the techniques of science and mathematics. Its objectives are to prepare secondary teachers with a Biblical perspective of science and to prepare students for graduate study or for further professional study in the health sciences.

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In cooperation with the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, Cedarville College offers a five-year program for pre-pharmacy students, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Ohio State University.

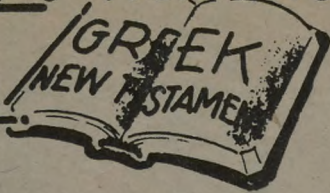
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GLIMPSSES of TRUTH from the by DR. GEORGE L. LAWLOR



The Word Of Example (1 Cor. 10: 11)

In 1 Cor. 10:11, we are told that the events and experiences of the Old Testament people in the wilderness "happened unto them for examples, and they are written for our admonition. . . ." The word "examples" is the Greek adverb tupikōs, which occurs here in the New Testament and appears in the singular, not the plural (as in KJV), i.e. "by way of example." These things from the Old Testament are not to be discarded and stuffed away as belonging only to the past and too antiquated for the present. They picture in the accounts, records, by types and symbols, and in typical manner what God's reaction is in all such cases. What happened to the Israelites is not necessarily exceptional in some way - it will in its way happen to God's people in any day when they turn away from Him.

So - they are written "for an admonition to us," i.e. as a warning to be placed before us and in our minds because we would have to recall these things so that they might be brought to our attention in after years and we would thus have a trustworthy record of them. They are not merely interesting historical events; they have a very special meaning and bearing upon us and for us. The Old Testament histories are not merely narratives of facts; they convey the thoughts, laws, and intentions of God to men, and thus have a purpose far beyond the thoughts of the writers themselves. We must always read all the Old Testament scriptures with this in mind.

Although the word "example" is found in only this one New Testament passage, it is derived from a word that occurs 14 times in the New Testament Scriptures as a noun: tupos, "type, example, figure, image, print, impression." This word occurs in the 1 Cor. 10 passage to which reference has been made previously. In v.6, the noun tupoi (plural "examples") appears in practically the same sense as the adverb tupikōs in v.11. That is: they set forth what will happen to us if we do as the Israelites did. Their intent is to warn and prevent the people of God from falling into the same sins of which the Old Testament people were guilty. Its ethical sense is that of a dissuasive example and pattern of warning. Its appearance in the Papyri is numerous and varied. It is used to mean: "mark, stamp, pattern, plan, form, decree, figure, model, type." Out of the many illustrations, one is of particular interest - in which a man says to his friend: "You may lift up your hands to our Master God in the shape of a cross," or, as we might well say, "in the figure of a cross," or "as a type of the cross." The Septuagint Version in its infrequent use of the word has a similar sense, i.e. of type or pattern to which something is to be conformed.

Of the several occurrences of the word tupos in the New Testament, one usage stands out above the others with reference to importance and significance for the servants of God in particular. Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Tim. 4:12, and says: "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." The word "example" is tupos, "type, pattern, model." And the verbal expression "be thou"

(ginou) is a present imperative - "Keep being!" Every young man called to the ministry must by all means lay to heart this imperative and obey this command. He must never forget this aspect of his call that has its root in Greek Grammar. Moreover it is indeed striking that the words of this admonition make it peremptory that younger servants of God are to excel in those very qualities in which youth is most prone to be deficient: use of proper words, sobriety and prudence, consideration for others, respect for authority, trustworthiness, deep convictions in the great eternal verities, and mastery over passions. Let us note how the servant of the Lord is to be a model and example:

(1) He must be exemplary in word, (en logō): That is: he must be careful and circumspect in what he says, first in his teaching and preaching, in his private and personal conversations with his church officials and fellow-Christians, and his demeanor in speech with those outside the church. This is most binding and obligatory. (See Col. 4:5-6).

(2) He must be exemplary in conduct, (en anastrophe): i.e. in all his comings and goings, and turnings here and there, in the whole round and routine of his walk among men. His behaviour must be impeccable, in all situations and circumstances. There must never be any reason for anyone to lay upon him an accusation or charge of misconduct. This is an awesome requisite, but it is the Lord's command.

(3) He must be exemplary in love, (en agapē). This is most demanding and occupies a high level of understanding and of genuine and purposeful compassion and consideration for others. It also requires of God's servant that he love the Lord God with all his heart and mind and soul. To be sure, our love is incomplete and imperfect, and it lacks much, and God understands that. But the Servant of the Lord must be able to say with all truth, "I do love the Lord above all else."

(4) He must be exemplary in spirit, (en pneumatē). Here is the heart of Christian service. Paul testifies in Rom. 1:9, "For God is my witness whom I serve in my spirit. . . ." Real service has its seat, its root within (en), in the innermost being. And this will make itself felt and known. The

Seeks To Alert Churches

The following letter was sent to all the pastors and churches of our BETHANY ASSOCIATION. It has to do with "HERE'S LIFE CAMPAIGN" carried on in Youngstown, Ohio.

November 12, 1976

Dear Brethren in Christ:

The Annual Business Meeting of the Bethany Fellowship was held at the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in East Liverpool, Ohio at 1:00 P.M. on November 9th, our DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE. Eleven B.F. churches were represented.

The messengers present voted 16 to 2 that this communication be sent to all fellowshipping churches regarding the HERE'S LIFE YOUNGSTOWN campaign currently underway in our area.

It was the expression of concern of the pastors and messengers present that this evangelistic effort, which was conceived by Campus Crusade, through the broadness of the doctrinal positions indicated by the published list of participating churches, is not consistent with the stated position of the G.A.R.B.C. as set forth in Literature Item No. 6 entitled, THE POSITION OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES ON SEPARATION by Dr. Robert T. Ketcham.

It is therefore, not our intention to dictate to our autonomous Baptist churches, but to alert our churches to careful consideration of this matter. We do not seek to exclude any from our fellowship by this action, however, we felt that a recommitment to the original stand of the G.A.R.B.C. on separation was in order by our fellowship.

Enclosed is a copy of Lit. Item No. 6 for your prayer consideration. May God bless you.

For the Bethany Fellowship,

Jerry L. Bell
Secretary

temper and character of our service must be recognized as emanating from the heart, out of the spirit where the living Lord is in control.

(5) He must be exemplary in faith, (en pistei). God's servant must possess a subjective faith that is strong, consistent, and unwavering. His people will be able to see this in action. But also from the objective standpoint, his faith must be anchored in the truth of the eternal God, rooted and grounded in the Word of God. He must be doctrinally straight, and standing hard and fast in particular for the doctrine of Christ, which is the focal point of the attacks of the liberals in our day. He must understand that he will be constantly and continually - and at times, agonizingly - engaged in fighting the good fight of faith.

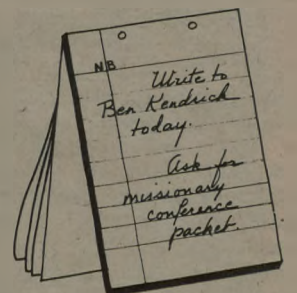
(6) He must be exemplary in purity, (en hagneia). Moral cleanness will be the mark of the true servant of Christ. There is an ethic here that is absolutely mandatory. In general, there must be this characteristic of pureness essentially present in the conduct of the Lord's servant wherever he goes. And in particular, there must be present this characteristic in his attitude and bearing toward the feminine portion of society, and of his congregation, so as to prevent the slightest suspicion from entering that he is otherwise than scrupulously observant of all the rules of such chastity.

It is of incalculable importance for the youthful servant of God (and for all God's servants) that he establish and exercise without defection such a character in these respects. No chance can afford to be taken, no slightest opportunity created by which some mis-step be made. Tragic mistakes have been made in the vital area of purity. More than once a testimony has been wrecked, and a ministry ruined, by failure in this realm. Purity of mind is vital, and must also be considered as essential for God's servant, for mind and body go together: the mind impels the body to act. Hence it is imperative

for the servant of the Lord that his heart and mind be completely submitted to the guardianship and protection of our Lord Jesus Christ, in keeping with Phil. 4:7. The servants of Christ must be constantly aware of Satanic entrapments and of his methodical wiles and stratagems. And it is particularly necessary that they be above all things watchful lest they become careless and fail to be sufficiently wary in this all-important matter of moral purity.

We are living in days of rapidly mounting apostasy, moral disintegration, and excessive promiscuity. As these words are read by the Lord's servants, and by all believers, let them be heeded well, and laid profoundly to heart, in the manner in which Paul brings this paragraph of Scripture to a conclusion:

"Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."



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An Exciting Book

You Should Read It

Miss Shirley Chapman, R.N. is presently enrolled at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph P. Chapman, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio.

In one of her classes at GRBBC, Shirley was required to give a report on the book - DAKTAR - DIPLOMAT IN BANGLADESH. The co-authors of this book are Dr. Viggo Olsen and Mrs. Jeanette Lockerbie. We are confident that many of our O.I.B. readers have already read the book. For those who haven't - please do. It will bless your heart, stir your soul and challenge your life!

The following is a copy of Miss Chapman's report on this excellent book.

How has this reading helped you personally?

Prior to the reading of this book, I had not fully realized the power of the Holy Spirit in completely transforming lives, in convicting even an agnostic who is searching for the truth, and in definitely directing a totally submissive person one step at a time. As I read of the unique circumstances surrounding Vic and Joan Olsen's conversion experience, a verse in Jeremiah 29:13 became more real to me than ever before: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart". Truly these two brilliant people searched for the Answer and the Truth with all of their hearts, and found Him.

I have also come to realize that God's directive power is present even in the lives of unbelievers whom God knows, in His omniscience, will eventually become a child of His and be used mightily to spread the gospel. I believe God gave Vic Olsen the talent and leading to become a doctor, and although he studied long years to become a physiologist, only to realize that in order to be used properly on the mission field he would need to become a surgeon, he was still able to utilize his years of physiology training along with his operative abilities in Bangladesh, and God was using these years of physiology study to prepare the Olsens, in His own time, for His service. This fact has hit home in my heart personally, because I too have a profession in the medical field, and I have come to realize that just because this is true, the Lord is not finished with me, and I should not be tuned out to His leading. Perhaps He can use me on a field as an R.N., or use my background experience in preparation for His service in another area of medicine. Before reading *Daktar*, and before entering into this course, I had practically wiped out of my mind and heart the possibility of missions, even though once as a child, I felt the Lord wanted me on a mission field. I felt that since I had not received a so-called "literal call" into missions, I wasn't meant to be a missionary. But through the reading of this book I have come to realize a "missionary call" is not a dramatic experience with lights flashing and the voice of God speaking,

but is simply a realization of the fact that God has called all believers to be witnesses of Him, a real burden for lost souls, and a deep realization and desire within one's heart to GO, whether it be home or abroad, and to discover this through daily study of God's word, and through earnest prayer.

Up to this point in my life, I must admit that I had given very little, if any, prayerful consideration to the possibility of missions in my own life, and in my daily Bible study, the thought of missions was farthest from my mind. But as I read of the perfect peace that God gave to the Olsens concerning missions, even to the point of Vic turning down a much-coveted offer of a fellowship in the Department of Internal Medicine of the Mayo Clinic in order to study surgery in preparation for the Lord's service, I wanted a taste of that peace. When I read of the numerous challenges of medicine that faced him in Bangladesh, despite limited facilities and help, and the victories that emerged, I wanted a taste of that challenge and victory. When I read of the faith of those pioneer missionaries, and the many, many answers to prayer, and their response, time and again, of "Thank you, Father", I desired a part in that prayer and praise time. When I read of the thrill that the missionaries received each time they witnessed the birth and growth of a new Christian, I desperately wanted to share in that thrill. I believe that the reading of this book had caused me to realize the desperate need in foreign missions today, that I COULD be used on a field, both in medicine and in teaching God's Word, and that I DEFINITELY should keep my ears tuned, my eyes opened, and my heart responsive to any doors or opportunities the Lord might open for me concerning missions.

What helpful information did you receive?

Although I know of many missionaries today who are serving in Bangladesh I never realized the heartache and trials they had to endure to even enter the country, to remain there, and to erect a hospital and Christian center in that country, before it became an independent nation. I was not aware of the political turmoil that existed and the bloody war that followed to bring about the birth of Bangladesh. These realizations will help me to pray more effectively for missionaries in Bangladesh, and to be more thankful that we even have missionaries there.

One fact that struck me forcibly was that people anywhere deserve the same skilled medical care as do Americans. For some reason in the back of my mind I thought that doctors and nurses who went to a foreign field could be, and most times were second-rate medical personnel, because needy people would appreciate any medical help they could get, no matter how unskillful. But I have come to realize that not only those people, but anything of the Lord's work, should have top-rate, first-

class personnel serving. Vic Olsen, Donn Ketcham, and all of the nurses and other medical people were TOPS in their field; not one was slipshod or lacking in their fields. Even the other workers, the architect, builders, electricians and others were experts in their fields, with all sorts of opportunities awaiting them at home, yet they used their God-given talents and gifts for Him on a foreign field.

I also was reminded that "With God, all things are possible". I marvelled and wept at the numerous and seemingly impossible feats that were accomplished throughout the book, all because God intervened and answered the prayer of faith.

How will this reading help you do better work?

First of all, in my profession, I have come to realize that my hospital, right here in Grand Rapids, is a mission field. Although I want to definitely seek God's will in my life concerning overseas missions, in the meantime, I should take advantage of every opportunity to witness for the Lord in my own private mission field in I.C.U. at Butterworth Hospital. I feel the Lord allowed me to work in that unit so that I can have a one-to-one contact with my patients, thereby bringing greater opportunity to tell others of His saving grace.

Secondly, in my spiritual life, I will be doing more Bible study, and praying more meaningfully concerning not only missions, but also boldly proclaiming what Christ has done for me at every opportunity. I have even come to realize that much prayer and study should go into the preparation of my Sunday School lesson each week, because that group of 10-year-old girls is a mission field in itself, and deserves the best I can give it for the glory of God, and in the hopes of winning each girl to the Lord.

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These ladies enjoyed a record attendance of over 200 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo. They also came within a few dollars of reaching their goal to aid the John Bigelows and the Eagle River Church in Alaska in their building project.

An informative message on our Baptist Heritage was given by our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh. Miss Ruth Hege gave her testimony and Rev. Mark Chandler Pastor of the new church in Delaware was introduced and reported on this new and exciting work which is to be their project for 1977 to aid them in buying a permanent location. Thursday, April 7, will be the Spring Rally at the First Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio. This was announced by the president, Mrs. Jan Jacobs, of the Meadowbrook Baptist Church, Lima, Ohio.

I believe this book has made a lasting impression on me, and I believe that according to Proverbs 3:5 and 6, the Lord will lead me into His perfect plan for my life: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."



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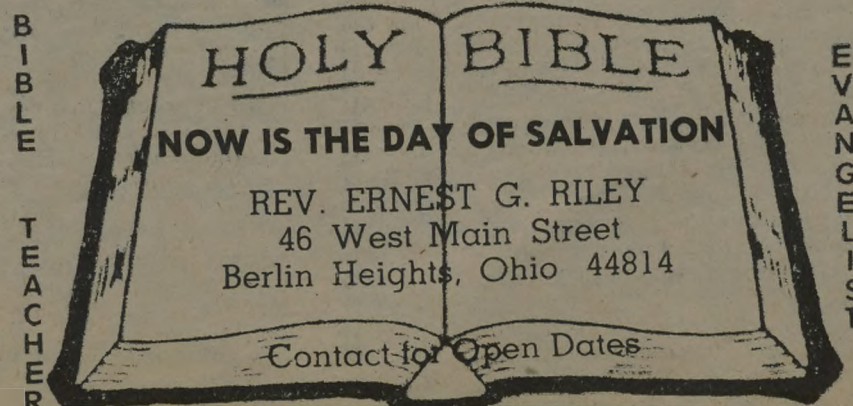
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Ohio Supreme Court Favors Christian Schools 6-0

by Dr. Paul A. Kienel
Executive Director of WACS

The State Supreme Court decision in favor of Tabernacle Christian School in Bradford, Ohio is perhaps the most significant court decision in U.S. history ever handed down in behalf of private education.

The Supreme Court of Ohio in its landmark decision of July 28, 1976 decided 6 to 0 in favor of one small Christian school in Ohio; but an important legal precedent is now firmly established for all Christian schools across the United States.

Prior to the July 28 State Supreme Court victory, Levi W. Whisner, Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church and Principal of Tabernacle Christian School (60 students) had lost his case before a county grand jury and a local Darke County Common Pleas Court. On August 30, 1974 the Common Pleas Court had found the defendants (the Pastor and 13 school parents) guilty of violation of the State Compulsory Attendance Law. They were guilty of sending their children to Tabernacle Christian School, a school which had a higher academic achievement record than the state's public schools but had not conformed to state charter requirements. Pastor Whisner said he objected to state requirements that the school be chartered. . . . cooperate with the local community and devote a minimum five-hour day to a curriculum not including religious instruction.

Vince McKelvy, staff writer for the JOURNAL HERALD, wrote the following on July 29, 1976:

"In December, 1973, the parents were convicted for refusing to take their children out of the Tabernacle Christian School in Bradford, which the state said 'did not conform to minimum standards promulgated by the state board of education.'

According to Rev. Levi W. Whisner, principal of the school and one of those convicted, 'There are about 160 requirements of the minimum standard. They acknowledge that there's no school in the state meeting the minimum standards 100 percent all the time.'

But Whisner said the school is not asking for state charter.

'A LOT OF PEOPLE don't understand that we really don't want state charter. We want our freedom under God. A state charter means minimum standards that make up the state philosophy. That's a humanist philosophy; we want a Christian philosophy.'

Therefore, because Tabernacle Christian School was not chartered by the State, the Darke County Ohio officials declared the school's students as truant. The pastor and parents of Tabernacle School were faced with fines and imprisonment. One startling statement of the County Court was:

"The Court refers to the established principle that the natural rights of a parent to the custody and control of a . . . child are subordinate to the power of the state; that a parent has an obligation to education not only to the child, but to the state; that the state has the power and duty to promulgate minimum standards for the education of its (the states) children. . . ." (emphasis mine)

I am sure you agree that the above statement represents a threat to the authority of parents regarding custody and control of their children and is clear evidence that socialistic thinking (families subordinate to the state) has made heavy inroads in our country.

Faced with the setback of losing two legal skirmishes, Pastor Whisner and his thirteen school parents courageously took their case to the Ohio Supreme Court.

The outcome is history. The court voted 6-0 in favor of Pastor Whisner and the thirteen parents and at the same time established a valuable legal precedent for Christian schools everywhere.

Ohio's largest newspaper, THE PLAIN DEALER, (July 29, 1976) speaking of Pastor Whisner said "he and his followers won their appeal in the high court, sending shock waves through the state's education hierarchy".

The paper's front page headline read, "State Hold on Church Schools Upset". Then THE PLAIN DEALER reported the following legal opinions by the Ohio Supreme Court Justices:

"We must conclude that the compendium of minimum standards promulgated by the State Board of Education, taken as a whole, unduly burdens the free exercise of religion," wrote Justice Frank D. Celebrezze in the court's opinion.

He wrote: ". . . we share the concern of appellants that the philosophy espoused . . . (in some of the standards) relating to the teaching of citizenship, social studies and health, may be interpreted as promoting secular humanism, and, as such, may unconstitutionally be applied. . . ."

Justice Celebrezze stressed the decision was not made on a philosophical basis but because "In our view these standards are so pervasive and all-encompassing that total compliance with each and every standard by a non-public school would effectively eradicate that distinction between public and nonpublic education and thereby deprive these appellants of their traditional interest as parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children". . . .

Justice Celebrezze, joined by three other justices, said application of the standards could result in "absolute suffocation of independent thought and educational policy and the effective retardation of religious philosophy."

Two further significant points made by the Court in their historic decision were:

- 1) "... it is crystal clear that neither the validity of what a person believes, nor the reasons for believing may be contested by an arm of the government.
- 2) "the requirement that all activities of a nonpublic school must conform to (state) Board policies plainly violates appellants right to the free exercise of their religion. How can the State remain neutral and yet require all activities of a nonpublic religious school to conform to State policies."

The lawyer for Pastor Whisner and the school parents was William H. Ball of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who gained fame in 1972 for winning a U.S. Supreme Court case involving educational rights of the Amish. After the Whisner trial Attorney Ball said, "I am very happy. It was a superb decision; a real vindication of religious liberty. I believe it is a strong recognition of parental rights and it provides a strong recognition of the right to operate a private school without being drowned in governmental control."

Pastor Whisner's post-trial statement was "It almost like a new day and the sun coming up after a storm." He said, "This gives a great note of encouragement to Christians who want to have their children raised in a good, Christian atmosphere."

There is no question about the fact that the outcome of the Whisner trial is a victory for Christian School educators in Ohio and all of us across the United States who believe in religious liberty and cherish the freedom to educate our children in Bible-centered schools.

Faith Baptist College News

BIBLE CONFERENCE

February 14-18, 1977, are the dates for the 32nd Annual Bible Conference with the theme "In Times Like These."

Guest speakers include Dr. Fred Brock from Denver Bible College and Seminary; Dr. Robert Lightner from Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. Oscar Hegg, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in Spokane, Washington, and several yearly favorites. They are Dr. Paul Tassell, pastor of the Grandview Park Baptist Church in Des Moines, Dr. Harry Gray and Dr. Kober, FBBC faculty.

Alumni Day is Friday, February 18, and a special slide/tape presentation of the history of the College is scheduled to be used on the new equipment purchased as the Alumni Project last year.

Sessions begin Monday evening and run through Friday evening.

SPORTS

The Faith cross country team finished their season with a first-place victory in the new Midwest Bible College Conference in October. They placed second in the Midwest Christian College Conference.

The victory may be short-lived however, if the Ohio public school educators appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a recent newsletter from Pastor Whisner he said, "Today we hear the news that Mr. Martin Essex (Ohio's State Superintendent of Public Schools) is pushing to have this case appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court --and there, too, we will go if we must!" When asked after the Whisner trial about the chances of the decision being upheld by the United States Supreme Court should the case be appealed, Pastor Whisner's attorney William Ball said, "We have an excellent trial record, now we have the tremendous record of the decision by the (Ohio) Supreme Court."

Personally, I am optimistic that should the Whisner case be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court that religious liberty would be upheld and Christian school education will be permitted to flourish in our country. Let us not, however, be caught asleep at the switch. Something as precious and fragile as freedom must be handled with prayer and sometimes with courageous action.

... Christian School Comment

The soccer season was plagued by the inability of the team to win the close games. No graduating seniors were on the team, so there is much potential for next year.

The Faith Eagles won their invitational basketball tournament on November 20 and 21. Faith defeated St. Paul Bible College 76-74 in the championship game.

The team has good potential with three 6'5" players and four that stand 6'4".

ORATORIO

Handel's MESSIAH was presented on December 10 by a 150-voice choir and an orchestra. Mr. James E. Wolfe directed the oratorio. The orchestra was prepared by Mr. Sherrell Ruhl. Both men are instructors in the Music Department.

BAND TOUR

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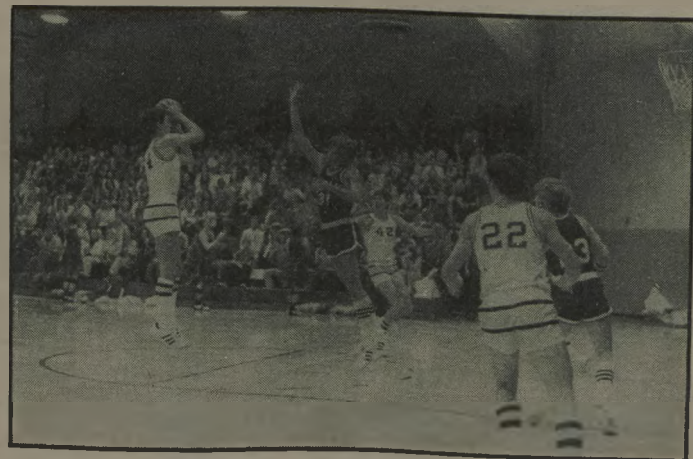
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